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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, the 5th April 1975, Chaitra 15, 1897 S.E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vilhana Soudha at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock.

MADAM SPEAKER (SMT. K. S. NAGARATHNAMMA) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral Answers were given)

Issue of Growers Permits in Shimoga District

400. SRI A. K. ANWAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Minister for Food and Civil supplies be pleased to state.

(a) the number of growers' permits issued in Shimoga District during 1974 and the basis on which the permits were issued.

(b) the extent of paddy smuggled in the name of these growers permits.

(c) whether these permits were issued on the basis of previous years levy payment or after collecting the years levy.

(d) to whom these permits were issued, where was the paddy transported and the rate at which it was sold in open market ?

SMT. E. E. VAZ (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(a) 2189 Growers permits were issued during 1974 Permits were issued to the growers for transportation of paddy outside the District but within the State to those who have cleared the levy as per demand and after verification of the stock declared by them.

(b) No such cases have been reported.

(c) The permits were issued after collecting the levy for 1973-74 and not on previous years levy.

(d) Permits were issued directly to the growers for the transportation of the paddy grown by them to other districts like Davangere, Challakere, Tumkur, Bangalore, Bangaspet, Mysore and Ranebennur.

Rates at which such rice is sold are not available as the sale are private transactions in the open market.

SRI A. K. ANWAR.— Out of 2189 permits issued, how many permits were issued in Shimoga and Badravathi, talukawise ?

† SMT. E. E. VAZ.—I am sorry, I don't have the talukawise statement but on the whole, 2189 permits were received from Shimoga District.

SRI A. K. ANWAR.—The Hon. Minister has state that no such cases have been reported. Is it not a fact that I had reported to you to issue a directive to the Deputy Commissioner not to issue such permits ?

SMT. E. E. VAZ.—There was a report in the newspaper also that certain permits are being mis-used and also the Hon. Member, Sri Khudus brought it to my notice. We were not able to verify whether compliance with the facts were made or not. On the information, I asked the Deputy Commissioner to stop issuing further permits.

SRI A. K. ANWAR.—These permits which were issued in Bhadravathi were being sold in black market. Each permit was sold at the rate of Rs. 10,000-15,000 and most of the paddy was smuggled to K.G.F. About 3 lorry loads of rice were seized by the Food Assistant. Why the Food Assistant did not take further action against those smugglers ?

SMT. E. E. VAZ.— Giving of the permits by the Deputy Commissioner was with a very good intention. They thought since the prices of paddy were falling in Shimoga District, why not the same could be sent to some others places. Very good crop both summer and rabbi was expected from this place in 1974-75, and there were lots of arrears due from the farmers to the Government by way of water-rate and land revenue etc. Therefore, the Deputy Commissioner thought it was advisable to help the agriculturists to a certain extent by giving permits to transport their extra product after giving the complete levy to the Districts other than Shimoga but within the State I think there was no room for any complaint because it was done with a very good intention. The Hon. Member says it was misused and sold for Rs. 10,000. It was only a rumour that was spread, may be some times merchants might have done it. Permits were given directly to agriculturists. Ordinarily, the permits were given to the merchants or the whole-sellers. Here is a case where the Deputy Commissioner did this in order to assist the growers to improve their financial position, but, I would like to say that when the issue came up in the paper and when the Hon. Member had brought it to my notice, we thought it wise not to give permits further and we stopped issuing permits.

Asterisks indicate that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎನ್. ವೀರಪ್ಪ ಗೌಡ.—ತಿವಮೊಗ್ಗದಿಂದ ಸೌತ್ ಕೆರಾ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಪ್ಲೈ ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪರ್ಮಿಟ್ ಇಷ್ಟೂ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಸೊಸೈಟಿ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಇದನ್ನು ವೆರಿಫೈ ಮಾಡಿ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗೆ ಹೋಗದೆ ಇದ್ದ ಕಡೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಇ. ಇ. ವಾಜ್.—ಡೆಪ್ಯೂಟಿ ಕಮೀಷನರ್ ಯಾವ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಾರೋ ಅದೇ ೧೨ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಅದಲ್ಲದೆ ಲೆಜಿಸ್ಲೇಟರ್ಸ್ ಇಂಥ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಜಿನ್ನಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆ, ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ದುರುಪಯೋಗ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಲೆಟ್ಟರ್ಡ್ವಾರೆ ಆದರೆ ಮೇಲೂ ಸಹ ದುರುಪಯೋಗ ಆಗುವುದಿದ್ದರೆ ಖಂಡಿತಾ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

SRI A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—What is the policy of Government in regard to issuing of permits to those ryots who have surrendered their levy ?

SMT E. E. VAZ.—I just now explained that in 1973-74 in Shimoga District, only this was taken up to help the agriculturists. They were giving permits to the agriculturists who have surrendered fully their levy of 1973-74. Permits were given to them to take their extra products, of course, our officers verified that they had their surplus, to the Districts other than Shimoga for sale. It was to be sold in the open market according to their wish but this has been stopped from October 1974. If necessary, after seeing all the pros and cons, it may be considered.

SRI A. K. ANWAR.—Will you extend this facility for this year also to the growers ?

SMT. E. E. VAZ.—Of course, it would be a pleasure to give a little assistance to the farmers. After we get our levy and after we verify that they really have extra stock with them, we will examine it

Completion of Cross Drainage Works in Madhugiri sub-division

504. SRI R. CHICKAIAH (Madhugiri).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(a) the names of roads taken up for construction under D.P.A.P. and R.C. grant in Madhugiri P.W.D. Division and which are non-trafficable due to non-completion of cross drainage works.

(b) the amounts required to complete them.

(c) whether Government intend to place sufficient funds to complete these cross drainage works to make them trafficable ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Details of roads and Cross Drainage works are given in Statements A and B placed on the Table of the House.*

* Copies placed in the Karnataka Legislature Library vide No. 52 dated 5th April 1975.